

REMARKS

Claims 2, 4, 8, and 10-12, amended claims 1, 3, 5-7, and 9, and new claims 13-16 are in this application.

Claims 1-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Proehl et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,532,589).

Amended independent claim 1 recites in part the following:

"schedule information accepting means for accepting an input of user schedule information for said target date; and

reservation information accepting means for accepting an input of reservation information for a broadcast program on said target date,

said user schedule information representative of a number of events pertaining to a user which are not related to broadcast programs." (Emphasis added.)

In explaining the above 102 rejection with regard to claim 1, the Examiner asserted that lines 44-47 of column 7 and lines 59-60 of column 8 of Proehl disclose the schedule information accepting means of claim 1. It is respectfully submitted that such portions of Proehl do not disclose that schedule information accepting means of claim 1 for at least the reasons herein below described.

That is, the present schedule information accepting means may accept "an input of user schedule information for said target date," in which the user schedule information is "representative of a number of events pertaining to a user which are not related to broadcast programs." Accordingly, the user schedule information is not related to broadcast programs. Examples of the events represented by the user schedule

information may include a meal engagement, attendance at a concert, and the like. (See paragraph 0075 on page 15 of the present application.) On the other hand, the portions of Proehl relied on by the Examiner for disclosing the schedule information accepting means (hereinafter, merely "Proehl") appear to describe editing "selected broadcast activity" (line 46 of column 7), or editing "scheduled activities" (line 60 of column 8) in which these "scheduled activities" appear to be broadcast activities such as one or more of broadcast activities 1004 or activities related thereto (see lines 31-35 of column 8).

Thus, the schedule information accepting means of claim 1 may accept an input of user schedule information which **is not related to broadcast programs**; whereas, Proehl appears to edit broadcast activities or broadcast related activities. As a result, and as is to be appreciated, editing of broadcast activities or broadcast related activities as in Proehl is not the same as "accepting an input of user schedule information" as in claim 1. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is distinguishable from Proehl as applied by the Examiner.

For reasons similar to those previously described with regard to claim 1, it is also respectfully submitted that amended independent claims 5, 6, and 7 are distinguishable from Proehl as applied by the Examiner.

Claims 2-4, 8-12, and new claims 13-16 are dependent from one of independent claims 1, 5, 6, and 7. Accordingly, it is also respectfully submitted that dependent claims 2-4, 8-12, and 13-16 are distinguishable from Proehl as applied by the Examiner for at least the reasons previously described.

As it is believed that all of the rejections set forth in the Official Action have been overcome, favorable reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that he/she telephone applicants' attorney at (908) 518-6374 in order to overcome any additional objections which he/she might have.

If there are any charges required in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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